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Applicant : Yuki KAWAKITA et al.
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For : FLEXURE LIFE ESTIMATING METHOD, WIRE HARNESS
DESIGNING METHOD AND PROGRAM THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claims is attached at the end of this Preliminary Amendment):

3. (Amended-Clean Text) The method of estimating flexure life of a wire harness according to claim 1,

wherein: said life estimation curve represents correlation between the amount of change in strain and said number of bending processes with respect to a single wire that is obtained by actually measuring the number of bending processes up to disconnection by